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Strange UFO Spotted Over Hub School

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The sighting of a strange unidentified flying object sent a small section of Dorchester into near panic last night. At the same time, a mysterious power failure blacked out some 2000 homes in a nearby section of Roxbury.

The UFO was first seen by a resident at 24 Thane st., Dorchester, hovering over the Oliver Wendell Holmes grammar school. She alerted others who also watched the object as it hovered, circled and landed on the roof of the four-story school.

Ten or 15 boys playing basketball by the light of a street lamp were so frightened by the appearance of the saucer-like flying object that they scattered and ran to their homes.

First to see the object was Pearl Moses, 15, who was returning home from an errand to the store with her girlfriend, Annie O'Neil, 14, of 18 Algonquin st., Dorchester.

"We were going up the steps of my house," Pearl said, "when we spotted this thing over the right wing of the school."

SEEN BY OTHERS

The girls ran into the house and alerted Pearl's cousin, John P. Trombler, 18, of 10 Gartland st., Jamaica Plain, and his friend, Robert McCambly, 15, of the same Jamaica Plain address.

"It was hard to describe," Pearl said. "It didn't give off much light but it was hovering about 10 feet above the roof of the school. It appeared to have two sections—an oval shape with a dome on top—and was about as large as a helicopter. There were lights around the bottom that changed from red to white to green. They were in a bunch.

"It started to circle the school," Pearl said, "then it would speed out of sight. In a minute and a half, it would reappear. When it moved it went like a roller coaster, up and down, you know."



Pearl Moses, 15, Saw Flying Object

Record American Photos, Leo Renahan

Robert McCambly said he and Pearl's brother, Robert Moses, 18, went outside when Pearl came in and told them about the UFO. "We went to the front steps and watched it," McCambly said. He and Bob Moses agreed on the size of the object but they thought "it was squarer on top." The boys also agreed that the object had a bright white light shining down from the center of the bottom section.

"We went through the school yard and onto School st. on the other side," McCambly said. "It was then about 30 feet above the roof of the school It circled away and disappeared, then in a minute or so, it returned."

TWO SIGHTED

Wayne Bell, 14, occupant of the second floor at 24 Thane st, and Michael Welsh, 13, who lives on the third floor, were returning from the YMCA on Washington st. when they spotted the UFO.

"This thing came down out of the sky," Wayne said "I thought it would crash into the

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school. Then I saw another one following it They were going slow. Both of the things went behind the school," the boy said. "I ran home with Michael and I didn't want to go out anymore"

Wayne and Michael said "some kids were playing basketball under the street light. They all started to yell and they ran like blazes away. That's when we ran, too"

Wayne's brother, Mark, 16, saw the strange object from a window of the second floor apartment.

'SAT' ON ROOF

"It was the weirdest thing I ever saw—just sitting there on the roof," he was quoted as saying.

The object was first seen about 7:45 p m. Eight minutes later power failed in some 2000 homes in a Roxbury area of Blue Hill ave, Elm Hill ave, Stanley st. and Warren st.

Power was restored fully by 10:02 p. m. by emergency Edison Co crews who switched in alternating power lines. However, the cause of the failure was not determined

At approximately the same time, the town of Easton was blacked out by a power failure Officials of the Brockton Light Co. said the cause of the failure was the downing of a high tension line. They did not know what caused the break in the line.

Residents in the Harvard ave.-Brighton section of Allston also reported seeing mysterious lights in the sky that appeared to follow a circular pattern There the lights were watched for over an hour. In Dorchester, the UFO was seen for about 20 minutes.

Within the past three weeks residents in Michigan, Maine and Maryland reported spotting unidentified flying objects. All the sightings had a similarity in size and shape.

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Dick,

Re Dorchester case, Ray advised today that subcommittee investigators found witnesses mostly unreliable. No adults involved, all teens. Prime "witness" Pearl Moses knowledgable on UFOs & science-fiction, enjoyed publicity. Hoax suspected. Roxbury blackout still unexplained but UFO connection in doubt.

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